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## Press Release

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#### Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program Host's "Vermont Highway Heroes Award" Luncheon

Waterbury – Each year the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) recognizes individual Vermonters who have made significant contributions in support of highway safety programs. Awards for these accomplishments were honored today, April 12, 2012 at the Highway Heroes Award luncheon held at the Sheraton hotel in Burlington. The following details relating to the awards are provided:

- The *Fletcher Brush* award (education) is named for Fletcher Brush, a Middlebury highway safety activist for education and outreach efforts promoting highway safety. Paul Graves of Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles was recognized for his outstanding and continuous dedication for promoting highway safety issues regarding motorcycle training, school bus safety, driver training, and education programs throughout Vermont.
- The *Sgt. Michael Johnson* award is presented to a Vermont law enforcement officer who demonstrates exceptional dedication to highway safety efforts. This year's recipient is Sheriff Bill Bohnyak of the Orange County Sherriff's Department. Sheriff Bohnyak's historically tireless efforts and passionate commitment to traffic safety, child passenger safety, occupant protection, and DUI enforcement within Orange County are extremely commendable.
- The *Engineering Award* was presented to Kevin Marshia, from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Kevin's passion, dedication and advocacy for collaborative interagency partnerships has helped bring engineering and behavioral disciplines together to create a force multiplier.



Left to right: Lifesaver of the Year, Rep. Bill Lippert and GHSP Chief, Ted Minall

The *Lifesaver of the Year for 2011* was awarded to Vermont State Representative William "Bill" Lippert. Representative Lippert is recognized for extraordinary leadership, dynamic advocacy, and innovative policies which have saved countless lives by reducing impaired driving; For his passionate introduction and support of legislation promoting Ignition Interlocks; and, for the many years of energetic guidance, support and encouragement to all those who are engaged in traffic safety within the Green Mountain State.

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